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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUGS AND FIREARMS CHARGES IN FEDERAL COURT

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, August 14, 2007, that Jarre Rashawn Lee, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

Lee, age 20, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline to a two-count indictment charging him with possession of a controlled substance, crack, with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

In connection with the guilty plea, Special Assistant United States Attorney Erin White advised the court that the Anchorage Police apprehended the defendant after a fight broke out at the Outback Steakhouse on May 15, 2007. While the police were trying to interview witnesses, the defendant ran from the scene. After a brief chase, the police were able to apprehend the defendant. The defendant was found to be in possession of 15.1 grams of crack cocaine and a loaded .45 caliber pistol.

Judge Beistline scheduled sentencing for October 25, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.. The law provides for a maximum total sentence of life in prison, a fine of \$2 million, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offense and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Lee remains in custody pending sentencing.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Anchorage Police Department conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

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